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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: OCON, UNESCO

SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

REF: STATE 239376

1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) IS HEADQUARTERED IN LONDON. WE (AND FCO) VIEW IT AS A RESPECTABLE, WELL-MEANING ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE HAD FREQUENT CONTACT WITH AI AS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN PART OF MANY DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST U.S. ACTIVITIES IN INDO-CHINA. FCO SAYS PERFORMANCE OF AI IS UNEVEN, I.E., HMG DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT AI IS CORRECT IN LISTING UK IN RECENT REPORT ON TORTURE AS ONE OF 63 NATIONS WHICH STILL PRACTICE TORTURE.

2. FCO POINTED OUT TO US THAT HEAD OF ORGANIZATION, SEAN MCBRIDE HAS BEEN CONSISTENT CRITIC OF UK POLICY IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING SINCE HIS FATHER WAS EXECUTED BY UK. EMBASSY HAS HAD CORDIAL

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RELATIONS WITH MCBRIDE EVEN THOUGH MOST MEETINGS HAVE

BEEN IN ADVERSARY CONTEXT. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THEY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN PROVIDING US COPIES OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

3. IN SHORT WE FIND AI TO BE A CONCERNED, RESPECTABLE ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING A STRONG INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS POSITION USING LEGITIMATE MEANS OF INFLUENCING POLICY. AT SAME TIME IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT UNESCO FEELS NO COMPULSION TO OFFER AI OFFICIAL FACILITIES FOR A MEETING AT WHICH SOME OF ITS MEMBERS WILL CERTAINLY BE CRITICIZED.

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